

## **BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

### **Minutes**

Date: December 10, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m., C.S.T.

Location: Poplar Room  
665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Stephen S. Galloway, D.V.M., President  
R. A. Tai Federico, D.V.M., Vice-President  
Steve M. Ladd, D.V.M., Secretary  
Kim D. Johnson, D.V.M.  
Karen S. Walsh, L.V.M.T.  
B. Ann Strong, Public Member

Members Absent: Charles Hatcher, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Ex-officio Member

Staff Present: Rita Buckner-Shelton, Board Administrator  
Keith D. Hodges, Board Attorney  
Lisa Lampley, Board Director

Upon the determination of a quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Galloway at 9:25 a.m.

### **Conflict of Interest Statement**

Mr. Keith Hodges, Board Attorney, reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve the August 12, 2015 minutes. The motion carried.

### **Applicant Interviews**

Rebecca McClellan, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure by reciprocity as a veterinarian submitted by **Rebecca McClellan, DVM**. Dr. McClellan requested a waiver pertaining to the number of years and average weekly hours of active practice due to several moves and the birth of two children. Dr. McClellan was present to answer any questions from members of the Board. Upon review and discussion, Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to grant the license. The motion carried.

Anna E. McRee, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a veterinarian submitted by **Anna McRee, DVM**. Dr. McRee answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Dr. McRee was present to answer any questions from members of the Board regarding a 2012 Theft conviction. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Michaela M. Schommer, C.AE.T.

The Board reviewed an application for certification as an animal euthanasia technician submitted by **Michaela Schommer**. Ms. Schommer answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Ms. Schommer was present to answer any questions from members of the Board regarding a 2009 conviction for Theft. Ms. Schommer submitted a letter of recommendation from her supervisor for the Board’s review. After discussion and review of the documentation, Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Tyler F. Thompson, V.M.T.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a veterinary medical technician submitted by **Tyler Thompson**. Mr. Thompson answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Mr. Thompson was present to answer any questions from members of the Board regarding a 2009 Underage DWI conviction. After discussion and review of the documentation, Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Lydia C. Vaught, V.M.T.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a veterinary medical technician submitted by **Lydia Vaught**. Ms. Vaught answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Ms. Vaught was present to answer any questions from members of the Board regarding a 2011 DUI conviction. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Judy T. Hagan, V.M.T.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a veterinary medical technician submitted by **Judy Hagan**. Ms. Hagan answered “no” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Ms. Hagan was not present. Ms. Hagan submitted documentation and a letter of explanation regarding convictions in 2002 for Domestic Violence and Theft. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walsh, to approve the application. The motion carried.

**Progress Report – Julia L. Adams, D.V.M.**

As per the Order approved by the Board on August 12, 2015, Dr. Adams appeared before the board for her annual appearance.

**Progress Report – Stacy R. Smith, D.V.M.**

As per the Order approved by the Board on April 10, 2014, Dr. Smith appeared before the board for his annual appearance.

**Financial Report**

Ms. Vanessa Crutcher, Fiscal Services, reviewed the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Ms. Crutcher provided an explanation of expenditure line items. The report reflected a current year net of \$72,029.33 and a \$413,189.28 cumulative carryover as of June 30, 2015.

**Investigations and Disciplinary Report**

Ms. Nichelle Dorroh, Disciplinary Coordinator, reported there are currently nineteen (19) open complaints in the Office of Investigations. Ms. Dorroh also provided a list of practitioners currently being monitored for compliance with disciplinary orders.

**Office of General Counsel (OGC) Report**

Mr. Keith Hodges, Board Attorney, reported the Office of General Counsel has twenty-five (25) open cases pertaining to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. There are two (2) Consent Orders to be presented to the Board at this meeting. Proposed rule amendments are under review in the Office of General Counsel.

**Policy Statement – Delegation of Authority to Board Director**

Upon discussion, Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walsh, to adopt the following policy delegating authority to the Board director to perform the following tasks:

1. The Board director is authorized to review all license applications to determine if they are complete and ready for Board consideration. Final approval of all applications must be made by the Board.
2. The Board director, in consultation with the Board's attorney, is authorized to issue limited premise permit waivers to veterinarians who meet the requirements for such under T.C.A. § 63-12-139(k).

The motion carried. (This revised policy replaces similar policies adopted in 1997 and 1998.)

#### **Consent Order – Ray A. Draper, C.A.E.T.**

Mr. Draper was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. While employed as a CAET at McMinn Regional Humane Society in Athens, Tennessee, Mr. Draper euthanized four dogs via intracardiac injection without first tranquilizing said dogs. Mr. Draper agreed to voluntarily surrender his license to perform euthanasia and pay costs of the proceedings. Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

#### **Consent Order – Michelle E. Smallwood, D.V.M.**

Dr. Smallwood was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Smallwood operated and practiced at her current clinic on an expired premise permit from about April 30, 2011 to about March 18, 2015. Dr. Smallwood agreed to pay total civil penalties in the amount of two thousand, four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00) plus costs of the proceedings. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Federico, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

#### **Discussion – 2016 Music City Veterinary Conference**

The 2016 Music City Veterinary Conference is scheduled to be held February 26 – 28, 2016 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Murfreesboro, TN. Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to fund the cost for Ms. Lampley to attend and be an exhibitor at the conference. The motion carried.

#### **Taskforce – Veterinary Facilities**

Upon discussion, the Board appointed a taskforce comprised of Drs. Ladd and Federico to review and make recommendations regarding procedures for facility inspections and revisions to facility rules.

## **Discussion – CE Credit for USDA-APHIS Accreditation Modules**

Board members reviewed the list of twenty-seven (27) USDA-APHIS accreditation modules. Upon discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Federico, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve all modules as meeting the regulatory requirement contained in **Rule 1730-01-.12(1)(b)** which states “For every two-year period, two (2) of the required hours must pertain to regulatory issues, controlled substances, or professional ethics.” The motion carried.

## **Report – Controlled Substance Monitoring Database Program**

Dr. Johnson gave a brief update on the work of the committee. She stated that veterinarians make up less than one percent (1%) of over-prescribers in the state. The committee meets approximately five times per calendar year.

## **Inspection Status Report**

A total of one hundred twenty-six (126) inspections were conducted during the period of July thru November, 2015.

## **Director’s Report**

Ms. Lampley reported that she and Dr. Galloway attended the AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference held September 17 – 19, 2015 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A recap of the topics presented was provided.

Students from the UT College of Veterinary Medicine will be attending the Music City Veterinary Conference again this year and Ms. Lampley will be speaking to them about the Board and the licensure process. Dr. Walter Clark, Board Consultant, and Ms. Lampley will also be conducting a session on Saturday afternoon of the conference.

Report of Total Active Licensees as of November 15, 2015:

Veterinarians:	2,260
Veterinary Medical Technicians:	644
Veterinary Facilities:	804
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians:	280
Certified Animal Control Agencies:	68
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians:	2
Animal Chemical Capture Certification:	1

Effective October 1, 2015 the in-state maximum lodging rate for Davidson County (Nashville) is \$145.00. The reimbursement rate for in-state meals and incidentals is \$59.00 per day. In-state meals and incidentals are reimbursed at 75% for day of departure and/or day of return.

## **Continuing Education Course Approval**

The following requests for approval of continuing education hours were reviewed:

A request from **Benchmark Leadership Training** for approval of forty-eight (48) continuing education hours (4 hours per month) for the course entitled **“Bullet Proof Manager”** to be held over a 12-month period (calendar year 2016) in three Tennessee locations (Nashville, Knoxville, and Chattanooga).

A request from **BluePearl Veterinary Partners** for approval of continuing education hours for the following topics to be held at their office location in Franklin, TN and in various veterinary facilities:

### **Two (2) Hours – Franklin, TN:**

**“Urethral Obstruction Management” – Jan. 21**

**“Abdominal Surgery: To cut or not to cut” – Feb. 18**

**“Coughing Dog: Heart disease, tracheal stents, & medical management of respiratory conditions” – Mar. 17**

**“Swallowing/Esophageal Motility Disorders” – April 21**

**“Heat Stroke” – May 19**

**“Mast Cell Tumors” – June 16**

**“Coagulation Disorders in Small Animal Patients” – July 21**

**“Transitional Cell Carcinoma” – August 18**

**“Hemodialysis and Plasma Exchange” – Sept. 15**

**“Fracture Repair Simplified” – Oct. 20**

**“Seizure Management in the ER” – Dec. 8**

### **One (1) Hour – Franklin, TN:**

**“Cytology for Veterinary Technicians” – Mar. 15**

**“Radiographic Techniques for Veterinary Technicians” – May 17**

**“A Piercing Look at Venous Access” – Aug. 16**

**“Surgical Instruments and Surgical Assisting” – Sept. 13**

### **One (1) Hour – Various clinics:**

**“Oncological Cytology”**

**“Feline Friendly Handling Techniques”**

**“Orthopedic Exam for DVMs”**

**“Radiographic Techniques for Technicians”**

**“Urinalysis-Diagnostic Pitfalls for DVMs”**

**“Importance of Home Monitoring of Diabetes”**

**“CPR Review and Lab for DVMs and Technicians”**

**“Triage for DVMs and Technicians”**

**“Management of Respiratory Distress for the DVM”**  
**“Fluid Therapy for DVMs and Technicians”**

**“Nutritional Management for DVMs and Technicians”**  
**“Common Toxicities for the DVM”**  
**“Management of Trauma Cases for the DVM”**  
**“Anesthesia for the Veterinary Technician”**

A request from **Boehringer-Ingelheim** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled: **“Optimizing Protection for Bordetella: Why Mucosal is Better”** held November 18, 2015 in Nashville, TN.

A request from **Barden Greenfield, DVM, Dipl. AVDC** for approval of seven (7) continuing education hours for each of the following seminars to be held in Memphis, TN:

**“Canine Dentistry 101”** - September 26, 2015  
**“Canine/Feline Dentistry 201”** - September 27, 2015

A request from **Chi Institute** for approval of the following continuing education hours:

**“17<sup>th</sup> Annual TCMV Conference” – 44 CE Hrs Total**  
**Small Animal – November 12-13, 2015 – 16 CE Hrs (Onsite)**  
**Equine – November 12- 13, 2015 – 16 CE Hrs (Onsite)**  
**Workshops – November 14 – 15, 2015 – 12 CE Hrs (Onsite)**

**“Certified Veterinary Tuina” – 54 CE Hrs Total**  
**Session 1 – October 29 -31, 2015 – 22 CE Hrs (Onsite Classroom)**  
**Session 2 – November 1, 2015 – February 17, 2016 – 10 CE Hrs (Online)**  
**Session 3 – February 18-20, 2016 – 22 CE Hrs (Onsite Classroom)**

**“Integrative Approach to Neurological Disorders” – July 15, 2015 – July 15, 2017 – 10 CE Hrs (Anytime for a 4-month study)**

A request from **Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine** for approval of two (2) hours of continuing education for an online course entitled **“Chronic Non-malignant Pain Management Best Practice per Tennessee Guidelines and Federal REMS: an Interprofessional Perspective”**.

A request from **Merck Animal Health** for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for a presentation on the topic of **“Dermatology”** held August 25, 2015 in Nashville, TN.

A request from **Merial** for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for a presentation entitled **“Habits of Highly Effective Veterinary Practices”** to be held December 18, 2015 in Knoxville, TN.

A request from **Nashville Veterinary Specialists** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for each of the following courses to be held in Nashville, TN:

- “The Many Faces of Fear: Discussion of Separation Anxiety, Noise Phobias, Fear Aggression” - Jan. 12**
- “Intestinal Surgery – Technique Demonstrations” – Feb. 9**
- “Update on Small animal Dermatology” – March 8**
- “Interesting Internal Medicine Cases” – April 12**
- “Surgical Techniques for Closing large Skin Defects” – May 10**
- “Inflammatory CNS Diseases” – August 9**
- “Update on Small Animal Oncology” – Oct. 11**
- “Surgical Diseases of the Urinary Tract” – Nov. 8**

A request from **OnlineContinuingEd,LLC** for approval of the following online courses:

- “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 201” – 6 hrs.**
- “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 202” – 6 hrs.**
- “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 203” – 6 hrs.**
- “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 204” – 6 hrs.**

- “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 205” – 6 hrs.**
- “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 206” – 6 hrs.**
- “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 207” – 6 hrs.**
- “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 208” – 6 hrs.**

- “Natural Veterinary Medicine 201” – 6 hrs.**
- “Natural Veterinary Medicine 202” – 6 hrs.**
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- “Natural Veterinary Medicine 204” – 6 hrs.**

- “Veterinary Acupuncture 201” – 6 hrs.**
- “Veterinary Acupuncture 202” – 6 hrs.**
- “Veterinary Acupuncture 203” – 6 hrs.**
- “Veterinary Acupuncture 204” – 12 hrs.**

- “Common Disease of Companion Animals 201” - 6 hrs.**
- “Common Disease of Companion Animals 202” - 6 hrs.**
- “Common Disease of Companion Animals 201 - 202” - 12 hrs.**

A request from **R.I.V.E.R.** for approval of twenty-two (22) continuing education hours for the **“River City Annual Veterinary Conference”** held November 14 – 15, 2015 in Chattanooga, TN.

A request from **Veterinary Ophthalmology Services** for approval of one (1) each continuing education hour for the following topics to be presented during calendar year 2016:

**“Ophthalmic Examination in Dog and Cat + Wet Lab”**  
**“Diagnosis and Treatment of Feline Ophthalmic Disease”**  
**“I’ve Fallen and I Can’t Get Up...” The Canine Lens and its Nuances**  
**“Ocular Emergencies”**

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on the topics of **“New Pain Therapeutic Options”**, **“Improving Standard of Care in Surgical Procedures”**, and **“Canine Respiratory Disease Outbreak Management”** held August 11, 2015 in Mt. Juliet, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on the topics of **“Antibiotic Selection, Resistance, and the Importance of Compliance”**, and **“Branded vs. Generics and How They Affect Your Practice”** held August 11, 2015 in Mt. Juliet, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on the topic of **“Leptospirosis”** held September 8 – 9, 2015 in Memphis, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on the topic of **“Equine Leptospirosis”** held October 12, 2015 in Franklin, TN and November 15, 2015 in Nashville, TN.

A request from **Alex Dulaney, DVM** for approval of continuing education hours for his attendance August 4 – 8, 2015 at **“The International Embryo Transfer School”** in Senatobia, MS.

A request from **Susie Matthews, DVM** for approval of thirteen (13) continuing education hours for her attendance at the 2015 Tennessee Animal Care and Control Conference held August 10 – 11, 2015 in Gatlinburg, TN.

A request from **Michael Solomon, DVM** for approval of twenty (20) continuing education hours for his completion of a **“Small Animal Rotating Internship”** at a referral and emergency hospital in Bowie, MD.

A request from **Amber Reap, LVMT** for approval of five and one-half (5.5) continuing education hours for her attendance at the **“Mid-South AALAS Fall Meeting”** held October 1, 2015 in Memphis, TN.

The Board voted to accept the recommendations made by the review committee to defer action on the request submitted from Alex Dulaney until further information could be obtained and to approve all other courses as submitted.

## **Ratifications**

A motion was made by Dr. Federico, seconded by Ms. Strong, to approve the presented list of newly licensed/certified or reinstated veterinarians, veterinary medical technicians, veterinary facilities, certified animal euthanasia technicians, and certified animal control agencies. The motion carried.

**Veterinarians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated**

Charles R. Badger Sr.	Pamela Nicole Lucas
Mark W. Barker	Larry M. Mangum
Anna K. Biggers	Courtney Van Alen Mantecon
Margaret C. Blake	Katharine L. McCreary
Matthew D. Brent	Kaitlin J. McDonald
Amelia H. Constantine	Nancy Jo-Ann McKinnon
Kristen M. Datte	Donna J. Painter
Katherine M. Ditulio	Rebecca A. Wierschem
Caitlin E. Dooley	Katherine J. Wilson
Evelyn L. Franklin	Rachel M. Proffitt
James David Robert Fry	Kathryn E. Purple
Julie Ann Haley	Kelly L. Ross
Hailey E. Harroun	Margaret R. Roth
Benton S. Harvey	Teresa B. Schumacher
Katherine L. Hazzard	Laura W. Sharbel
Tony R. Hicks	Alexandra J. Silver
Ursula S. Hilliard	Kelly E. Simonian
Jenna L. Jackson	Whitney E. Smith
Jennifer W. James	Dawn M. Spangler
Maximillan C. Jones	Ryan D. Sullivan
John R. Killey	Bethany L. Towning
Kathleen A. Kivi	Samantha A. Trollope
Erin A. Krampe	Hannah J. Weimer
Kathryn A. Latham	Jami L. Whiting
Christina P. Lindsey	George W. Younger

**Veterinary Medical Technicians– Newly Licensed and Reinstated**

Jamie L. Allen	Amy B. Koepf
Mary C. Allen	Erika D. Ladd
Ashley J. Anderson	Leticia Lamberty
Meaghan M. Armendariz	Ashley A. Linsmeyer
Maci J. Bates	Jenna L. Moss
Erin E. Bombalski	Laura L. Newman
Sarah R. Boyer	Emily L. Pierce
Heather R. Brown	Micayla S. Post
Britni M. Buba	Samantha N. Robison
Jillian N. Burns	Ashley E. Ross

Tiffany D. Cate  
Kelsey A. Clasby  
Gina M. Collins  
Hailey D. Compton  
Carrie A. Cowan  
Cayla M. Crisp  
Rita K. Davis  
Andrea D. Dickey  
Sharon E. Dockins  
Taylor A. Evenson  
Jordan E. Gray  
Nicole D. Gulley  
Lydia R. Haire  
Elizabeth M. Hardin  
Nicole M. Hurley  
Lindsey D. Hutson  
Lindsey C. Jett  
Hannah E. Keeter  
Kara G. Kephart  
Yelena Kern

Sara E. Shrode  
Holly M. Silver  
Beverly J. SMith  
Chelsea C. Summit  
Arika R. Thonpson  
Ashley N. Tipton  
Lesley G. Van Duinen  
Cameron L. Williams  
Tamara J. Wimberley  
Sara B. Wollmann  
Christina M. Zukas  
Kayla N. Bush  
Johanna L. Jackson  
Kennith M. Davis Jr.  
Melissa A. Leckie  
Tabetha A. Lusk  
Kendall A. McCandless  
Tamberly D. McNew Moyers  
Renee R. Racey  
Carla D. Woodard

### **Veterinary Facilities**

Appalachian Veterinary Hospital  
Banfield Pet Hospital #0650  
Banfield Pet Hospital #0651  
Claws and Paws 4 A Cause  
Animal Emergency & Specialty Center of Chattanooga  
Avian and Exotics Center of Nashville  
Big Creek Animal Hospital Inc.  
Black Fox Veterinary Hospital  
Donelson Animal Hospital LLC  
English Veterinary Care  
Giles County Animal Hospital LLC  
Holistic Veterinary Care  
Lee Parkway Veterinary Clinic LLC  
Madison Veterinary Clinic  
Nashville Humane Association – Rover 2  
Pet Vax Cordova  
Roane Veterinary Hospital  
Tennessee Equine Hospital @ Arlington

### **Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated**

Emily A. Agee

Ethan T. Parton

Shelby E. Bienz  
Jessica L. Carter  
Sherrie L. Carter  
Catherine Guyer  
Hannah M. Jacobs  
Christopher T. Mahoney

Traci L. Pettit  
Tera D. Proctor  
Eric A. Rogers  
Robyn K. Smith  
Alexandria M. Wongmanee

### **Certified Animal Control Agency – Newly Licensed**

Washington Co./Johnson City Animal Control

#### **Correspondence**

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Lindsey J. Gilmour, DVM, DACVR** regarding Tennessee laws for teleradiology consulting and whether a veterinary radiologist boarded in another state was allowed to read radiographs remotely and provide ongoing teleradiology consultations for veterinarians/clients/patients in Tennessee and if there were any limitations. The Board agreed with the opinion of Mr. Hodges that consulting veterinarians outside Tennessee are not required to hold a Tennessee license, provided the consultation was initiated by a veterinarian licensed in Tennessee who has a VCPR with the client and the patient for whom the consultation is being initiated.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the **UT College of Veterinary Medicine** requesting consideration of a blanket twenty (20) continuing education credits yearly for Tennessee licensees successfully participating in their internship or residency programs and for licensed faculty members.

**Rule 1730-01-.12(3)(e)(4.)** states that “Educational programs dealing with the practice of veterinary medicine provided by ...schools or colleges of veterinary medicine...” need not receive prior approval and constitute Board approved continuing education.” Pursuant to this rule, it is the opinion of the Board that all internship and residency programs provided by the UT College of Veterinary Medicine are accepted and approved; therefore, no blanket exemption is necessary for licensed interns and residents. Each licensee will need to maintain documentation of completion of the respective program and the number of continuing education hours completed during the program.

The Board voted to deny the request for a blanket twenty (20) continuing education credits yearly for licensed Tennessee faculty who hold practice privileges within the UT Veterinary Medical Center. Members of the Board feel there is great value in attending and participating in a meeting with peers and that this interaction is needed in order to learn and increase one’s level of knowledge which is the purpose of continuing education.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Board moved to adjourn at 11:15 p.m.

**These minutes were approved at the meeting held on April 13, 2016.**